

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A networked communications apparatus comprising at least one server and a plurality of user stations, wherein each of the user stations comprise a terminal that can receive information from the at least one server by means of a connection via a first network, the apparatus further comprising:

storage means holding a profile database, which profile database contains data representing a characteristic behavior of an associated user terminal network address or addresses, the data being acquired automatically in response to an activity of an associated user and being stored together with the associated user terminal network address or addresses in the profile database;

wherein the user station further comprises a portable communications device coupled with said terminal and connectable to said at least one server via a second network independent of the first network, wherein the coupling between the portable device with said terminal is by wireless transmission therefrom, and the portable communications device includes means for receiving wireless transmissions from the terminal and further configured to receive additional data transmitted wirelessly from other sources than said second network and said terminal, wherein the portable communications device is provided with a buffer for storage of received messages.

Claim 2 (original): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said portable communications device comprises a mobile telephone and said second network is a telecommunications network.

Claim 3 (original): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the first network is the Internet and the user terminals comprise at least a display device coupled with processor means hosting an Internet browser and user-operable means for control of the same.

Claim 4 (original): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said wireless transmission of additional data conforms to a predetermined set of communications protocols.

Claim 5 (original): A portable communications device for use in the apparatus of Claim 1 and having means for receiving wireless transmissions from said terminal.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A portable communications device as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising a ~~wherein said buffer is arranged to receive and store said additional data transmitted wirelessly.~~

Claim 7 (original): A portable communications device as claimed in Claim 6, further comprising a clock signal source and being arranged to stamp items of received additional data with the time of receipt.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A portable communications device as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising user-operable data input means by operation of which the associated user is enabled to annotate or alter items of received additional data.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A communication method for a networked system comprising at least one server and a plurality of user stations, wherein the user stations comprise terminals which can receive information from the at least one server by means of a connection via a first network,

wherein a profile database is provided, which profile database contains data representing a characteristic behavior of an associated user terminal network address or addresses, the data being acquired automatically in response to an activity of the associated user and being stored together with the associated user terminal network address or addresses in the profile database;

with the user station further comprising a portable communications device coupled with said terminal and connectable to said at least one server via a second network independent of the first network, the coupling with said terminal is by wireless transmission therefrom, and the portable communications device including means for receiving wireless transmissions from the terminal are further configured to receive additional data transmitted wirelessly from other sources than said second network and wherein the portable communications device is provided with a buffer for received messages.

Claim 10 (original): A method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the first network is the Internet and the received additional data comprises one or more Uniform Resource Locators.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A method as claimed in Claim 9, further comprising the provision of a plurality of beacons distributed about a geographical location, with each of said beacons transmitting a respective item of said additional data to the or each portable communications device within a range for each of said beacons.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A communication method for a networked system comprising at least one server and a plurality of terminals, comprising:

receiving information at the terminals from the at least one server by means of a connection via a first network, comprising:

storing a profile database that contains data representing a characteristic behavior of an associated user terminal network address or addresses, which data is acquired automatically in response to an activity of an associated user and being stored together with an associated user information in the profile database;

interfacing a portable communications device with said terminals and connecting the portable communications with the at least one server via a second wireless network that is independent of the first network; and

receiving wireless transmissions at the portable communication device from other sources than the second wireless network and wherein the portable communications device is provided with a buffer for received messages.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of Claim 12, wherein interfacing further comprises interfacing the portable communications device that is a mobile telephone and said second network is a telecommunications network.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of Claim 12, wherein receiving information further comprises the first network is the Internet and the terminals comprise at least a display device coupled with processor means hosting an Internet browser.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of Claim 12, wherein receiving wireless transmission conforms to a predetermined set of communications protocols.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of Claim 12 wherein interfacing further comprises the portable communications device receiving wireless transmissions from the terminals.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of Claim 16 wherein interfacing further comprises buffering by the portable communications device to receive and store data transmitted wirelessly.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of Claim 17 wherein interfacing further comprises stamping received items with a time of receipt.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of Claim 17 wherein interfacing further comprises annotating to alter received items.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of Claim 12 wherein interfacing further comprise interfacing by a plurality of beacons distributed about a geographical location, wherein each of said beacons transmits to each portable communications device within a range of each of said beacons.